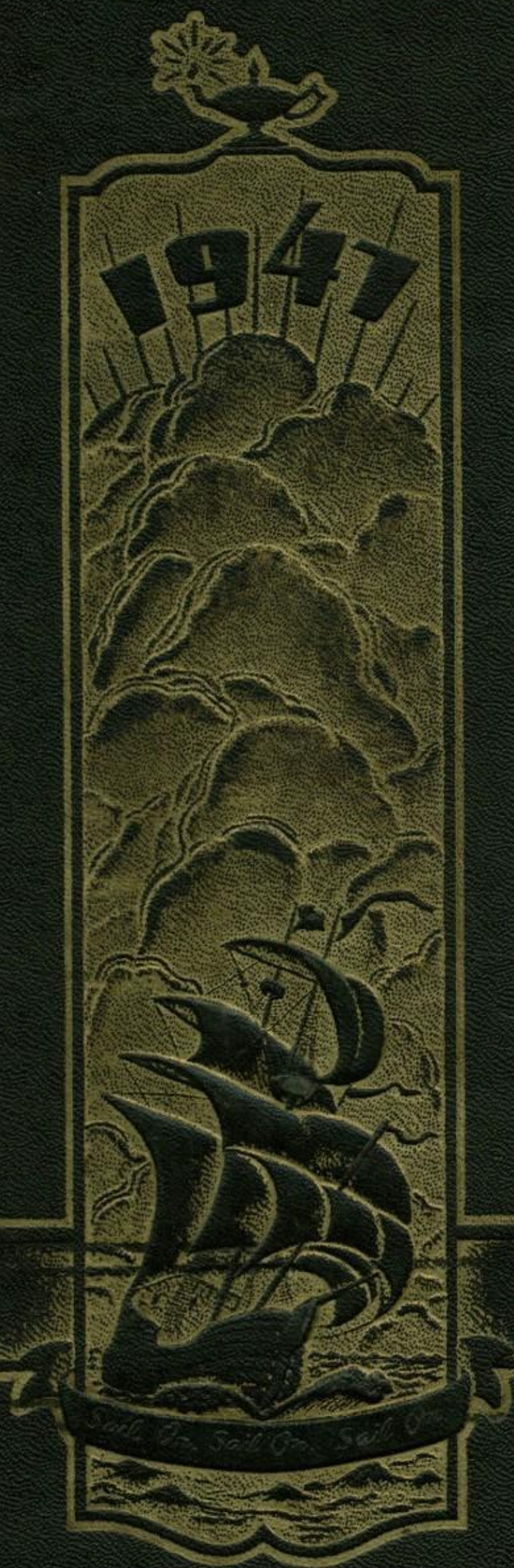
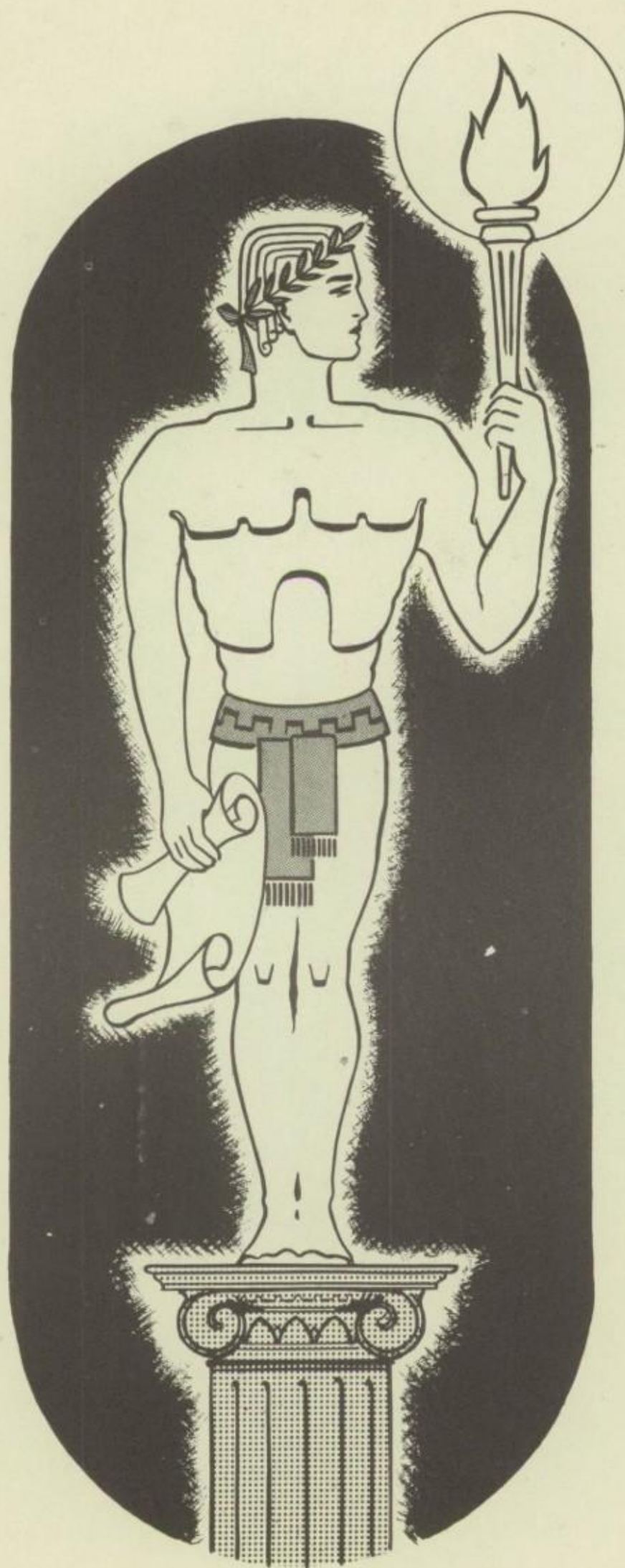




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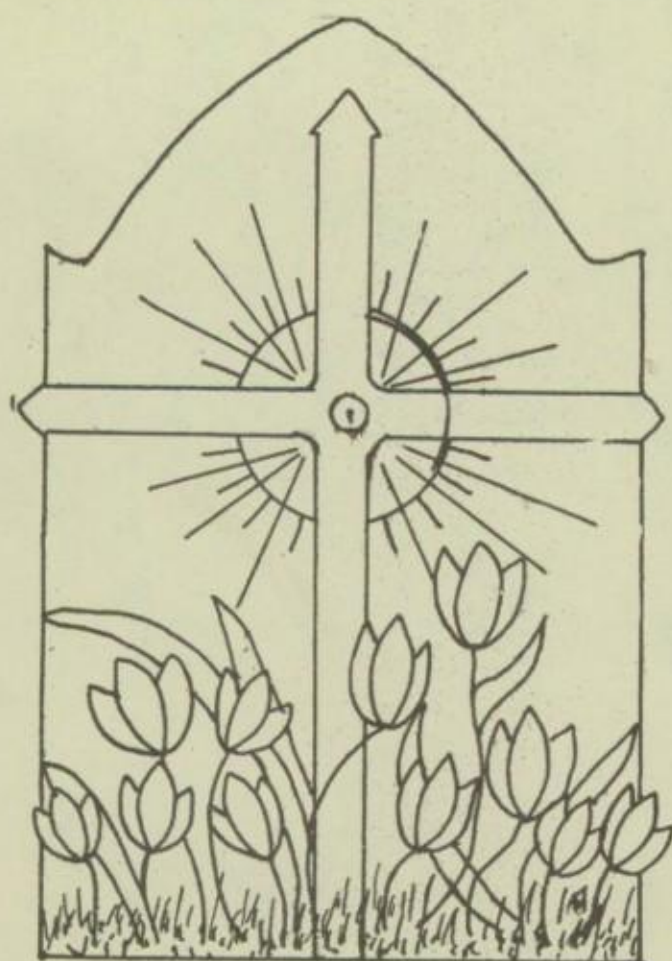
DEDICATED

to the

MEMORY

of

Flora A. Dimke



The class of 1947 is extremely proud to dedicate this yearbook to the memory of Miss Flora A. Dimke who so enthusiastically spent forty-two years teaching the youth of this community. Thirty-one of those years were spent in the Pettisville School.

Her place in the school, as well as in the hearts of her former students, can never be quite filled. No teacher has ever had a more passionate desire to instill in her pupils a love of learning and an appreciation of the finer things of life. She was a true teacher, who loved her work so much that she looked forward with very little pleasure to the time for her retirement.

She will ever be held in highest esteem by hundreds of her former pupils. Her fellow teachers have missed her immeasurably. So we dedicate this book to one whose full life will always be an inspiration to all who knew her.



BOARD OF EDUCATION



S. M. GOTTSCHALK, Supt.



C. J. KINNEY, Prin.

Seated left to right: Russel Schultz, Fred Gilson, Ada Weber--clerk, Russell Gasche--president, D. Lloyd Hull, Lawrence Schroeder--vice president.

The school board has done very much to keep up the standards of our school.

Among the improvements which they have been responsible for this year is the drilling of a new well located south of the track which has done much to alleviate the shortage of water that existed in previous years. The school plant was further improved by extensive repairs on the roof.

New equipment purchased during the year consisted of a refrigerator and stove for the home economics room and 3 typewriters for the commercial department.

World books for the high school and a Compton's encyclopedia for the fourth grade were also obtained.

Everyone appreciates the conscientious efforts of the board members and the administration to maintain the traditionally high standards of Pettisville high school.



F A C U L T Y



FACULTY

Bottom Row: Mrs. W. H. Rychener--grade 6, Ruth K. Wyse--English, Mary Reickhoff--grade 3, Alta Spiess--grade 5, Jane King--grade 1, Mrs. S. M. Gottschalk--math, Mrs. David E. Springer--kindergarten.

Top Row: S. M. Gottschalk--superintendent, Mildred Stockburger--homeeconomics, C. J. Kinney--principal, Ada Weber--commercial, David E. Springer--social studies, Sadie Miller--grade 4, Mark H. Ray--history, Mrs. C. A. Lindley--grade 2.

In the beginning of the year Mr. Gottschalk appointed a social committee composed of Miss Miller, Miss King, and Mr. Springer, who were responsible for the monthly parties. A party was held each month except in January.

The current teacher shortage was also felt in Pettisville, because of the conspicuous absence of a full time music teacher. Everyone hopes that this situation will soon be remedied.

This year because of the acute teacher shortage a new policy was tried out. The sixth grade was taught by Mrs. W. H. Rychener in the forenoon, but in the afternoon the subjects were departmentalized and three high school teachers taught them. Mr. Ray taught civics and geography. Mr. Kinney was their health and physical education teacher and Mr. Springer taught English.

This is the first year that the sixth grade has had several teachers. This method seemed to work out pretty well.

One new teacher was added to our faculty this year. She was our third grade teacher, Miss Rieckhoff. Her home was in Ayersville, Ohio. Everyone appreciated her constant smile.



S E N I O R S

THE SENIOR HISTORY

As freshmen we started off with a bang! During the first few weeks of school we held our first class meeting and elected Dorothy Burkholder as president, Stanley Zeigler as vice-president and Shirley Frey as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Gottschalk was chosen as sponsor, and a very efficient one he proved to be! Everett Nafziger and Clara Ann Frey served as Student Council members for the year.

We were initiated during the second week of school by the superior sophomores and suffered the usual indignities. Of course, we again became the friends of the sophomores after they gave us the annual initiation party in the evening.

Later in the year we gave a freshman return party. It was held in the home economics room, where games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

A Christmas party was held in the music building. The room was appropriately decorated and gave forth the real holiday spirit. We played games and exchanged gifts, and so began our Christmas vacation.

In February, a Valentine party was held in the home economics room. Of course, there was the usual valentine exchange, and a true valentine spirit ruled the evening.

In February, also we entered a pest contest and fought valiantly against the superior sophomores. The pests were brought in every Wednesday and Friday. We lost to the sophomores and gave them a party soon after the contest ended.

The spring days came rapidly by, and before we fully realized it we had closed the volume which contained the diary of our freshmen activities.

In September we opened a new volume of our school life and elected Stanley Zeigler, as president, Gene Lantz as vice-president, and Shirley Frey as secretary-treasurer and Miss Harriet Rupp as sponsor. Galen Waldfogel and Betty Burkholder served as Student Council members from our class.

We heaped revengeful indignities upon the freshmen, and a party was given in the evening as a sort of antidote for their sufferings of the morning.

We ordered our class rings and pins from Mr. Balfour, a representative from the Balfour company, March 2.

We gave an assembly program, March 27. The outstanding features of it were two playlets, "The Mystery of X" and "Mildred is My Name," which were given by various members of our group.

The freshman return party was given, April 10, in the home economics room. The evening was enjoyed by all. Again we closed the volume and a slight intermission called vacation passed by. In the fall we again resumed

Class History (Continued)

our tasks with Eugene Lantz as president, Stanley Zeigler as vice president, Betty Burkholder, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Ray as sponsor. Our main attraction was the giving of the junior play, "The Great Ben Allah." Eugene Lantz who played the leading role accidentally hypnotized two household servants, Dorothy and Hawkins. The servant parts were played by Betty Burkholder and Robert Weber, respectively. The production was very well attended.

We sold ice cream at noon to raise money for our various activities. We also sold popcorn and hot dogs at basketball games.

One of our great accomplishments, in English, at least we consider it so, was the writing of a long paper. The topics were taken from various sources, which Miss Wyse thought rather important.

The junior girls played basketball with the sophomores. After a hard battle the juniors pulled through with the runner-up championship.

We gave a very beautiful banquet to the seniors, as an annual event. We hope the seniors were as well pleased with our decorations as we were. Well, anyhow, they finally reached the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow which is a goal not many individuals obtain. Our theme song was, "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows." On the last day of school we combined forces with the seniors for a picnic. It was held in D. W. Nofziger's woods. And so we ended our junior years at P. H. S.

In the fall of '46 we opened the most interesting volume of our entire school life.

In the beginning of the year we chose Mr. Springer as our sponsor. Eugene Lantz was chosen as President, Shirley Frey as Vice President, and Betty Burkholder as secretary-treasurer.

We chose silver and aqua as our class colors, and the red rose as our class flower. We also chose as our motto; "Nothing is impossible to a willing mind."

We seniors had our pictures taken in September by the Wines Studio from Detroit. On October 15, everyone was rushing up to us and saying, "Let me see your proofs." Yes, the proofs had arrived. We were heard exclaiming, "Do I actually look like that?" Of course, we had high hopes that the pictures would look much different after they had been retouched. But all we could do was wait, hope and see. Finally the fateful day arrived, December 20. Various stifled exclamations were heard, little gasps of joy, their hopes had come true; their pictures did look different.

On November 22 was the big night. We gave the play, "Johnny Get Your Girl." Everett Nafziger played the role of Uncle Charlie, the old miser who was always trying to keep everyone from getting his money. Eugene Lantz played the role of Johnny, who performed several well-remembered, blood-curdling "Indian Dances."

Class History (Continued)

We seniors sold stationery and Christmas greetings again this year as the seniors have in past years. We also sold an everyday assortment of greeting cards. This money helped us launch our various class activities.

On May 23, was another big night for us, class night. All of the members of our class participated in this event. We certainly seemed to give the audience a lot of fun, at least we hope they enjoyed our performance.

On May 27, our commencement address was given by Fred Klag, dean of boys at Waite School of Toledo, Ohio. We think it was one of the best commencement addresses ever given at Pettisville. This was the last big event of the year and so ends our school activities at Pettisville. The volume of our life thus far has closed and we can only retain happy memories of our past life at school.



Gene Lantz

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
 Track 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Student Council 12.
 Vice-President
 Class Officer
 President 11, 12.
 Vice-President 10.
 Class Plays 11, 12.
 Librarian 12.
 Band 9, 10, 11.
 Pet Echoes 10, 12.
 Letterman 9, 10, 11, 12

Betty Burkholder

Cheerleader 11, 12.
 Head-Cheerleader 12.
 Booster 10.
 Student Council 10, 11, 12
 Class Officer
 Sec-Treasurer 11, 12.
 Girls' Glee Club 9, 12.
 Class Plays 11, 12.



Shirley Frey

Mixed Chorus 9.
 Girls' Glee Club 9, 11, 12.
 Girls' Sextet 11.
 County Glee Club 11, 12.
 Pet Echoes Staff 10.
 Librarian 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Class Plays 9, 11, 12.
 Class Officer
 Secretary-Treasurer 9, 10.
 Vice-President 12.
 Student Council 9, 11, 12.
 Secretary 10
 President 12.
 Lariat Staff
 Associate Editor
 Office 11, 12.

Galen Waldfogel

Basketball 11, 12.
 Band 9, 10, 11.
 Boys' Glee Club 11,
 Student Council 10.
 Brass Quartet 11.
 Lariat Staff
 Photographer



Betty Gilmore

Girls' Glee Club 12.
 Booster 12.
 Pet Echoes Staff 12.
 Class Play 12.

Robert Weber

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Track 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Mixed Chorus 9.
 Band 9, 10, 11.
 Class Play 11.
 Librarian 12.
 Boys' Glee Club 11, 12.





Stanley Ziegler

Class Officer

President 10.

Vice-President 9, 11.

Class Plays 11, 12.

Track 11, 12.

Mixed Chorus 9.

Boys' Glee Club 10, 11, 12.

Basketball Manager 9, 10.

Booster 11.

Doris Bruner

Band 9, 10, 11.

Girls' Glee Club 9, 11, 12.

Pet Echoes Staff 10.

Student Council 11.

County Chorus 11, 12.

Class plays 11, 12.



Everett Nafziger

Mixed Chorus 9.

Student Council 9.

Class Play 12.

Boys' Glee Club 12.

Lariat Staff

Assistant Photographer

Clara Ann Frey

Girls Glee Club 9.
Mixed Chorus 9.
Student Council 9.
Assistant Librarian 11.
Librarian 12.
Pet Echoes Staff 11.
Girls Trio 11.



Harold Stout

Basketball 10, 11, 12.
Track 10, 11, 12.
Pet Echoes Staff 12.
Boys' Glee Club 11, 12.
Office 12.
Class Plays 11, 12.

Marilyn Burkholder

Girls' Glee Club 9.
Pet Echoes Staff 10, 11, 12.
Co-Editor 12.
Class Plays 11, 12.
Lariat Staff
Editor



Deloris Short

Glee Club 9, 11, 12
Librarian 12.
Office 12.



Doris Short

Girls' Glee Club 9, 11, 12.
Librarian 12.

Bill Lantz, Jr.

Basketball 11, 12.
Track 11, 12.
Class Plays
Stage Manager 11, 12.
Lariat Staff
Business Manager



David E. Springer

Senior Sponsor



Helen Blosser

Girls' Glee Club 11.
Mixed Chorus 9.
Girls' Trio 11.

SENIOR PROPHECY

Helen Blosser went back to Virginia and lives on a large estate, has 24 servants and her husband is one of her school day admirers.

Doris Bruner, we are proud to say, has done something for country. She has joined the Wacs and is the waccest of them all. She is spending most of her time writing letters home.

Betty Burkholder, of all the girls in our grade, has decided to become an old maid. What a surprise to us all!

Marilyn Burkholder has finally fallen in love. He is a sailor from Brooklyn. She learned to know him through a Matrimonial Agency and has not yet seen him but says his letters are enough.

Clara Ann has decided to settle down for once in her busy life. She and her husband have bought a Hotel to live in to give a home for the other busy people in this world.

Shirley Frey who is our Vice President has chosen the career of being a housewife and is doing a very nice job of being a mother of two pairs of twins.

Betty Gilmore is in Boston still working as a laboratory and X-Ray technician. However, she plans on coming home to Pettisville soon to help someone with his young musicians.

Gene Lantz has done away with the bright shirts and loud socks and has become a minister of the Lutheran church of Archbold.

Bill Lantz, Jr. is now managing the Tri-Village Date Bureau which includes Archbold, Pettisville, and Tedrow. He seems to think it is the best way to forget old loves.

Everett Nafziger has the largest egg route on this side of heaven. He has added pleasure to his business by having the Schmucker twins drive truck for him.

Deloris Short is still different from her little sister. She went to Hollywood to become a movie star right after graduation and has been a huge success. Maybe she can tell us where Van Johnson spends most of his time.

Doris Short has become a great teacher because when she got married she decided to have a large family. Now it's her job to teach them.

Harold Stout is the present holder of the world's record for the 1/2 mile run. He is now known the world over as Speed Stout.

Galen Waldfogel is now the handsome "Romeo Red" of the screen, the ideal of all the Robert Stockings.

Senior Prophecy (Continued)

Robert Weber is the new teacher here at school. Bob graduated from college and has recently been hired by his alma mater.

Stanley Zeigler is now in the wrecking business. He started up his business but he doesn't seem to get anywhere. All of the cars he has worked on have been his own.

SENIOR WILL

We, the Senior Class of Pettisville High School of 1947 being of sane mind and sound memory, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament.

Helen Blosser wills her thick hair to her sponsor Mr. David Springer.

Doris Bruner wills her ability to talk to Florence Roth.

Betty Burkholder wills her laugh (?) to Glen Davis.

Marilyn Burkholder wills her slender figure to Lois Friesen.

Clara Ann Frey wills her ability to stay awake in English class to Russel Liechty.

Shirley Frey wills her ability to sing to Alice Gautsche.

Betty Gilmore wills her ability of getting her term papers in on time to all future American Democracy students.

Gene Lantz wills his witty disposition to Doris Waidelich.

Bill Lantz, Jr. wills his curly hair to Edward Grime.

Everett Nafziger wills his position as only boy in Shorthand and Typing classes to Norman Riegsecker.

Deloris Short wills her long fingernails to Nancy First.

Senior Will (Continued)

Doris Short wills her short stature to William Nof-
ziger.

Harold Stout wills his activeness to Rolland Beck.

Galen Waldfogel all his wrecked cars to Verta Graf-
fice.

Robert Weber wills his height and basketball ability
to Roger Liechty.

Stanley Gene Zeigler wills his ability to Amelia Gas-
che.



U N D E R G R A D S



JUNIORS

Bottom Row: Virginia Nofiziger, Edna Kline, Betty Raker, Florence Roth, Virginia Rupp, Pauline Beck--Vice-President, Ila Mae Zimmerman.

Middle Row: Miss Stockburger--Sponsor, Ada Miller, Doris Leininger, Evelyn Merillat, Helen Roth, Amelia Gasche, Doris Waidlich, Edith Rychener--Secretary.

Top Row: Richard Schmitz, Louis Haskell, Russell Leichty--President, Norman Riegsecker, Dale Schrock, Marlin Rufenacht.

The class of '48, in other words the junior class, spent the first two weeks becoming acclimated to their new routine. Miss Stockburger was elected class sponsor.

October second brought the long awaited class rings and pins. Their hayride, the first held by any class, was a huge success, October 11.

During October and November the class was too busy selling ice cream at noons and popcorn and pop at ball games for many activities, but a Christmas party was squeezed in December 19, the same date on which the cast for the Junior play, "Now You're Talking" was chosen.

In February, after the last home game, the class started working hard on their play, which was given the middle of March. The juniors also gave an assembly program that month, featuring skits of their play.

After the play had been given, the juniors began on their last and perhaps most important project of the year--the banquet. First a theme was chosen. Then the even harder task of carrying it out was begun and completed for May the 10th.



SOPHOMORES

Bottom Row: Maxine Aeschliman, Nellie Mininger, Lucille Leininger--Vice President, Lueen Grieser, Ojetta Stout, Colleen Grieser, Betty Eicher--Secretary, Alice Gautsche.

Middle Row: Mr. Ray--Sponsor, Martha Miller, Donna Sauder, Lois Gisel, Patty Noffziger, Myrtie Wentz, Arvada Schantz, Mary Overmyer, Valetta Beck, Geneva Rupp.

Top Row: Junior Riegsecker, Wayne Schrock, Edward Short--President, Walter Pfund, Lowell Rupp, Robert Miller, Edward Grime, Donald Wanner, Harry Bruner.

We, the sophomore class welcomed the freshmen into high school with an initiation on September 27.

We initiated the frosh by having them go through a dark hall cluttered with chairs, accompanied by the noise of banging locker doors. They were forced to go through the darkened hall unescorted and had to beware of the "ghosts" (sophomore boys).

In the morning the boys had to attend school dressed in girls' blouses on backwards, old overalls with the pant legs rolled up to the knees, and their hair up in pin curls with a hair net over it.

They also had lipstick smeared on their faces, women's high-heeled shoes with anklets, and had to carry either a baby rattle or a doll.

On February 27 we gave our assembly program which was composed of a play entitled, "One on Inkel," a barber shop quartet, and several musical numbers.



FRESHMEN

Bottom Row: Marlin Rupp, Marilyn Haskell, Luana Leininger, Glenna Stout, Arleta Miller, Joan Rupp, Lois Beck, and Gail Weber.

Middle Row: Mr. Kinney-Sponsor, Robert Eicher-Vice-President, Anna Spengler, Emogene Beck-President, Lois Merillat, Velma Sauder, Mary Alice Nofziger, Bueta Yoder, and Ellis Aeschliman.

Top Row: Roger Liechty, Kenneth Nofziger, Charles Beck, James Grieser, William Nofziger, Glen Miller-Secretary, Marvin Frey, Clarence Bruner, and Vincent Frey.

This year we started out with twenty-seven pupils but soon Mary Alice Vaughn moved away.

On September 27, the Sophomores gave us a very nice initiation and after that night we all felt as though we were part of the Pettisville High School.

We had three more parties during the year. On December 19, we had a Christmas party at which we exchanged gifts, played games and had refreshments. In April we gave our Freshman Return Party. We had another party in May. Our program which we gave May 9 was nursery rhymes acted out. We gave a few musical numbers.

Many of the pupils were active in outside activities. The four boys who were on the basketball team are Kenneth Nofziger, James Grieser, Bob Eicher and Roger Liechty.

Marilyn Haskell was a cheerleader from our class and Luana Leininger was a booster. Mary Alice Nofziger and Marvin Frey served on Student Council this year. Most of the girls were in Glee Club.



EIGHTH GRADE

Bottom Row: Emogene Zimmerman, Fern Moll, Shirley Grime, Rosa Waid-
elich, Sarah Jane Robinson--President, Barbara First, Martha May Zimmer-
man.

Middle Row: Miss Wyse--Sponsor, Arlene Beck, Anna Nofziger, Bernice
Rupp--Secretary, Carol Burkholder, Marilyn Gearig, Margie Burkholder,
Ruth Gisell.

Top Row: Rolland Beck, Dick Rupp, Lester King, Dale Pfund, Roger Gilson,
Alvin Nofziger, John Miley--Vice-President, Glenn Davis, Donald Grieser.

On September 16, at our first class meeting we elected our class officers. Sarah Jane Robinson was chosen to be class President; John Miley, Vice-President; Bernice Rupp, Secretary; and Miss Wyse, Sponsor.

Our class decided to have four parties during the year. Our first party was held on Halloween Eve. It was a masquerade party. We exchanged gifts at our Christmas party which was on December 18, in the music hall. Since the high school had an all-school party we cancelled our Valentine party. Instead we planned a St. Patrick's Day Party. Our last party was held near the close of the year.

Lester King and Sarah Jane Robinson were the two members of our class that served on the Student Council.

John Miley, Richard Rupp, Rolland Beck, Roger Gilson, and Glenn Davis played on the junior high basketball squad. Barbara First was one of the two junior high cheerleaders.

The first part of February a new student enrolled in our class. Her name is Gwendolyn Croninger.



SEVENTH GRADE

Bottom Row: Lois Friesen, Marilyn Frey, Shirley Nofziger, Marcile Rupp, Loueen Short, Clemma Roth, Erma King, June Gilson, Ellyn Gearig, Gladys Spangler, Edith Haskell.

Middle Row: Darold Riegsecker, Rosetta Schrock, Annagene Miller, Glenda Frey--Vice-President, Evelyn Short, Hazel Mae Ayers--Secretary, Phyllis Frey--President, Nina Kretzer, Mary Alice Leupp, Orval Sauder.

Top Row: Mr. Gottschalk--Sponsor, Merle Frey, Ralph Bruner, Ervin Miller, Gerald Nafziger, Ralph Gasche, John Rychener, James Waidelich, Melvin Nofziger, Marlin Miller, Colenzo Short.

At the beginning of the year our class chose Phyllis Frey as President, Glenda Frey as Vice-President, Hazel Mae Ayers as Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Gottschalk as Sponsor. Our representatives to Student Council are Glenda Frey and John Rychener.

We had three class parties this year. They were as follows: at Halloween, a gift exchange at Christmas time, and a Valentine party.

We gave an assembly program consisting of a play entitled "Look What I Found." A song "Found a Peanut," which we acted out, a poem about George Washington, and several songs sung by a girls trio in February.



SIXTH GRADE

Bottom Row: Doris Rufenacht, Marilouise Miller, Carol Vonier, Glandette Rupp, Mary Ellen Nofziger, Doris May Beck, Arlene Schultz, Marilyn Miller, Delight Grieser, Pauline Grieser, Laura Jane Gearig.

Middle Row: Mrs. Rychener, Richard Nofziger, Phyllis Schmucker, Lelah Raker, Mary Jo Miley, Elaine Rupp, Shirley Meyers, Irma Campbell, Marilyn May Nofziger, Paul Wyse.

Top Row: Lowell Ayers, Marlin Beck, James Beck, Glenn Wyse, Robert Yoder, Paul Grieser, Donald Burkholder, Merrill Nofziger, Gary Nofziger, Waldo Aeschliman, Junior Grieser, James Davis.

Absent: Nancy Porter, Jueldine Nofziger, Lavonne Gisel, Harlan Gearig.

This has been a year of many new experiences for the sixth grade boys and girls.

Being upstairs with several teachers has made us feel quite grown up. Forenoons Mrs. Rychener has been our teacher. During that time we have studied arithmetic, spelling, history, and reading. In the afternoons we have studied English under Mr. Springer, health and physical education under Mr. Kinney, and geography and civics under Mr. Ray. Mrs. Porter has given us instruction in music twice each week.

We had two grand parties during the year. Mrs. Rychener supervised our Christmas party and Mr. Ray the one on St. Valentine's Day.

We gave a play as part of the Thanksgiving program.



FIFTH GRADE

Bottom Row: Rachel Frey, Mabel Ann Roth, Elaine Rychener, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Shirley Wanner, Betty Beck.

Middle Row: Betty Jane Rupp, Norma Nofziger, Shari Weber, Dorothy Mae Beck, Margaret Rupp, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Marlin Grieser, Miss Spiess.

Top Row: Leon Waidelich, Kenneth Miller, Jean Beck, L. J. Burkholder, Billy Gasche, Jean Richer.

We were the smallest grade of the lower six. We had only nineteen boys and girls in our grade. We had only seven boys and twelve girls.

In October, we girls surprised the boys with a Halloween party. We gave a program which consisted of several songs, plays, and poems. We played games and served refreshments.

We participated in the Thanksgiving program by presenting a play, "A Day in Plymouth." All of us took part in it.

Two new students entered our grade in February. They are Jeannine and Ralph Croninger. Also in February a surprise Valentine party was given by the boys for the girls. A prize was rewarded to the person who fixed up the prettiest box.

Now it is May and we are all hoping we will be promoted to the sixth grade.



FOURTH GRADE

Bottom Row: Mable Ann Rupp, Irene King, Donna Burkholder, Virginia Grieser, Judith Weber, Nancy Jane Nafziger, Phyllis Miller, Anne Campbell, Elaine Rupp, Lovina Grieser.

Middle Row: Gene Weber, Charles Rupp, Carl Frey, Louise Schultz, Janette Gearig, Arlene Grieser, Mary Alice King, Donald Beck, Harold Schultz, Roger Lee Roth, Junior Beck.

Top Row: Roger Schmitz, William Beck, Richard Nafziger, Charles Davis, Roger Krieger, Glenn Kauffman, John Elden Merillat, Jimmy Rupp, Johnnie Pfund, Charles Schmucker, Miss Miller.

Absent: Howard Snyder, James Gasche.

The fourth grade work is much more difficult than the third grade. There are two new subjects which are geography and history. Taking imaginary trips all over the world is an adventure to most of the boys and girls. Studying about the ancient people in history is very interesting and exciting.

The fourth grade gave a playlet "The Pumpkin Pies Saved the Day" and several choral readings for the Thanksgiving program.

Several parties were enjoyed this year. For the annual Christmas party names were drawn and a gift exchange was enjoyed. The boys and girls surprised Miss Miller on her birthday. Miss Miller surprised the children with a Valentine's Day party.

This year the children again sold seeds. Each child who took part in the selling got a pack of flower seeds.



THIRD GRADE

Bottom Row: Joyce Grieser, Helen Rufenacht, Janeth Nofziger, Berneda Grieser, Carol Sue Clingaman, Carolyn Rufenacht, Loretta Rupp, Marilyn Wyse, Kathryn Krieger, Janice Nofziger, Mary Short.

Middle Row: Roger Grieser, Lyle Friesen, Garold Beck, Dale Miller, John Gasche, Roger Zimmerman, Paul Short, Larry Grieser, Larry Rychener, Ronald Nofziger, Neil Weber.

Top Row: Miss Rieckhoff, Charles Yoder, Leon Nafziger, LaMar Gisel, Glenden Rupp, Dale Davis, Burdell Nofziger, James Reynolds, Ray Schrock, Denver Nofziger, Paul Gilson, Dean Nofziger.

The enrollment for the third grade during the year was twenty three boys and eleven girls. Carol Sue Clingaman was the only new pupil who came from the Wauseon School.

Our first party was at Halloween time. The different pupils brought popcorn and apples. Marilyn Wyse gave us all a nice surprise by bringing cookies.

December 20 was a very exciting day, for on that day we gave our operetta, "The Toys That Had To Wait." The mumps had us worried, although we did not have to postpone the play. Paul Short played the part of the clown while the rest of us were soldiers, tops, balloons, and fairies. Everyone had a part in the play. We had a Christmas party and gift exchange, also.

Our valentine box wasn't large enough to hold all the valentines, although Roger and Joyce Grieser's individual boxes helped out some. We drew names for valentines.

Green windmills, purple tulips, robins, and bluebirds were our decorations for spring. Later on we put up the Easter bunny dressed in his Easterclothes.

We have worked very hard trying to learn the subtraction and multiplication facts. Therefore we hope that arithmetic won't be so difficult in the fourth grade.



SECOND GRADE

Bottom Row: Suzann Beck, Ronald Frey, Sharon Nofziger, Marlene Short, Marilyn Zimmerman, Eunice Frey, Carolyn Zimmerman, Janice Nofziger, Louise Friesen, David Blosser, Evelyn Kauffman.

Middle Row: Shirley Reynolds, Daryl Nofziger, Lamar Miller, Dotty Raker, Roger Vonier, Lowell Schultz, Merrill Short, William Rupp, Vern Beck, Michael Andrews, Geraldine Short, Mrs. Lindley.

Top Row: Carolyn Rose Nofziger, Bonnie Gearig, Lowell Gilson, Robert Burkholder, Kenneth Rufenacht, Joey Rychener, Verlene Nofziger, Joan Williams, Lowell Nofziger, Marlene Miller, Fern Beck.

Absent: Lois Gasche

This year our second grade was composed of fifteen girls and twentyboys. Not only did we review our first grade work, such as reading, numbers, and writing, but we made quite an advancement in our learning. This year spelling, health, and language became a part of our curriculum.

We didn't work all of the time, for we had fun, too. Our first big party was at Halloween. Popcorn, apples, and candy made us very happy. Of course our room was decorated for the occasion.

Next, it was time to prepare for the coming of Santa Claus. We had our room to decorate and an operetta to give. So we worked! The name of the operetta was "The Toys That Had To Wait." Vern Beck was Santa and Evelyn Kauffman was Mrs. Santa. Joan Williams was Queen Titania. We also had fairies, nurse dolls, soldiers, tops, Dutch dolls, a Negro doll, and balloons.

Mrs. Porter was our music teacher. Not only did we sing songs, but we could read notes. February found us making valentines whenever we could. On February 14 we had a lovely party. Our valentines were so pretty. During this month we learned more about Washington and Lincoln.

All too soon we had our second grade work completed and the last day of school had arrived.



FIRST GRADE

Bottom Row: Geneva Rufenacht, Janet Schmucker, Rosemary Gearig, Mona Nofziger, Betty Moll, Charlene King, Conchita Avina, Delores Nofziger, Rachel Nofziger, Wauneta Grieser, Marlene Roth.

Middle Row: Jimmy Miller, Ronald Beck, Corwin Nofziger, Cristy Gearig, Nadine Gisel, Mary Sauder, Delores Avina, Phyllis Graber, Marilyn Nofziger, Mervin Beck, Lynwood Mining.

Top Row: Miss King, Everett Short, Gregory Rupp, Marlin Britsch, Virgil Miller, Jan Weber, Paul Wagner, James Schrock, Larry Grieser, Kennard Grieser, Daryl Rupp, LaRue Short.

Absent: Frank Avina

September ninth was our first day of school. Thirty-six of us boys and girls made our way to the first grade room. The first few weeks were spent coloring, pasting, writing, and learning to know each other better. The beginning of each we spent some time making a new border, which is appropriate for each month.

On October 31 we had our first party which was a Halloween party. For refreshments we had popcorn, candy, and apples. It was lots of fun to wear funny faces and try to scare each other.

December was a very busy month. We spent several weeks practicing our operetta which we presented December 20. The name of our operetta was "The Toys That Had To Wait." We had our second party in this month. It was lots of fun to exchange Christmas gifts. Our room was fixed for Christmas with a fire place and a large Christmas tree decorated with ornaments which we made. We made two Christmas borders for our blackboard.

The month of February was a bit more eventful. February 12 we talked about Lincoln and colored pictures of him. February 14 we had our third party. We had a large Valentine box which was overflowing with Valentines that we exchanged with each other. February 21 we spent some time talking about Washington, the first president of the United States.



KINDERGARTEN

Bottom Row: BeEtta Short, Judy Nofziger, Marilyn Richer, Margaret Rufen-
acht, Barbara Nofziger, Joan Davis, Joyce Roth, Rhoda Nofziger, Marlene
Thierry.

Middle Row: Kenneth Hartman, Donnie Waidelick, Bobby Wanner, Curtis Ba-
er, Kenneth Nofziger, Roger Reynolds, Doyle Robinson, Richard Beck, David
Miley, Reggie Frey.

Top Row: Rodney Nofziger, Marvin Miller, Errol Nofziger, Marvin Zimm-
erman, Tommy Rychener, Jimmy Rychener, Terry Gottschalk, Dougie Ry-
chener, Allen Rupp, Bobby Rupp.

Absent: Loraine Friesen

This year we had 30 boys and girls in Kindergarten. They were divided
very unevenly, however--10 girls and 20 boys.

This was also the first full year of Kindergarten and we think it has work-
ed out very well.

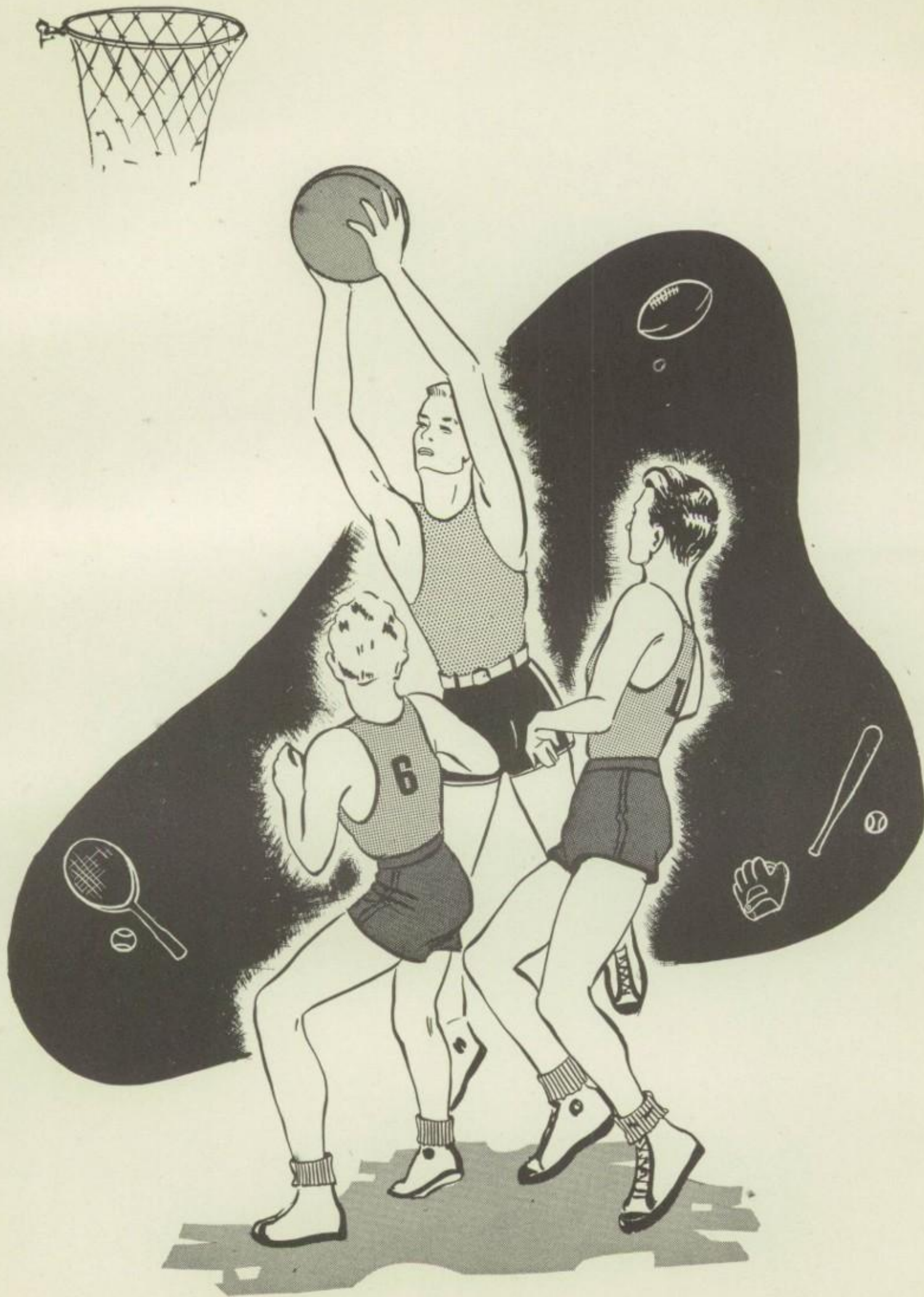
We had many interesting things happen during the year. These included a
few parties. Our first party was at Halloween time. We had popcorn, apples
and candy at our party.

We had a big party at Christmas time. We all drew names and exchanged
presents. We had a Christmas tree and we made a big fire place with our
blocks. We also colored pictures for our room. It looked very pretty. We also
were in the Christmas program. Some of us were in the operetta with the
first, second and third grades. The rest of us had our own play. Many of us
were sick at Christmas and didn't even get to come to school.

In February we had a big birthday party. Jimmy Rychener, David Miley
and Dougie Rychener's birthdays were in the same week. So their Mothers had
a surprise party at school for them. Tommy Rychener's Daddy came over
with his moving picture camera and took pictures of the party. These pictures
were shown to all the school and were very good.

In February we also had a Valentine party. We exchanged valentines and
Terry Gottschalk's Mother gave us some valentine cookies.

We have also done some work. We had two workbooks. Our one workbood
had numbers and letters in it and the other one had picture stories. We liked
them very much.



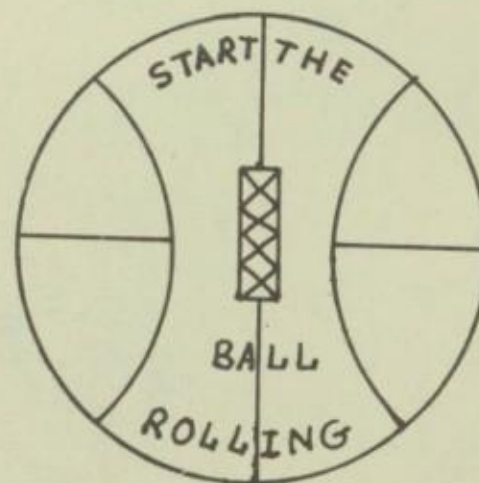
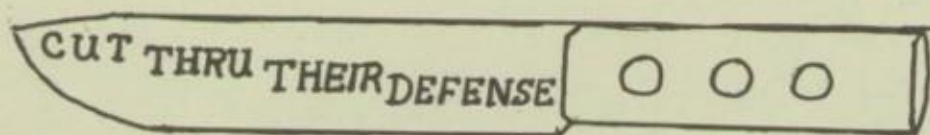
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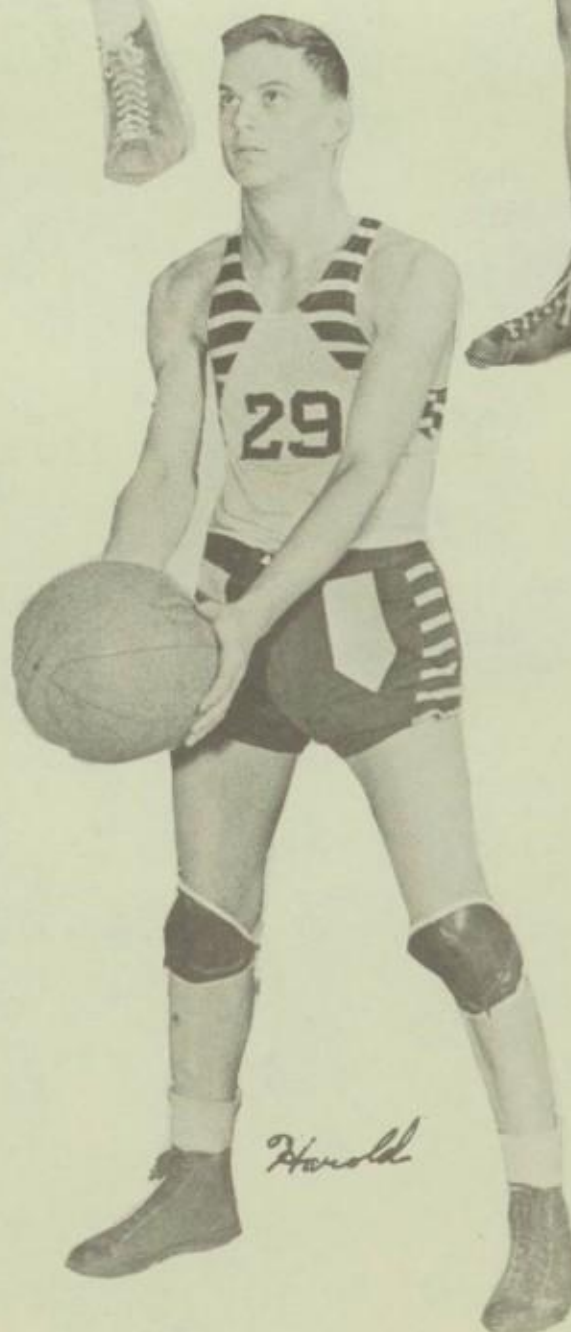
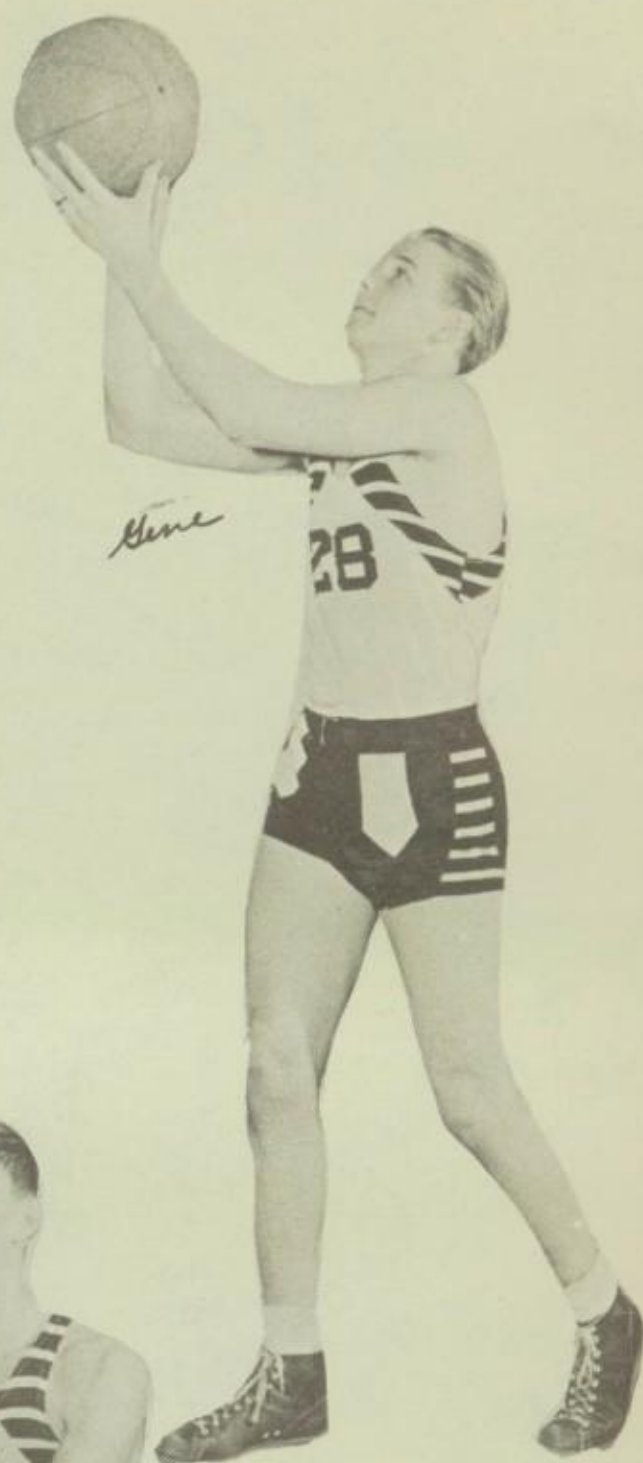
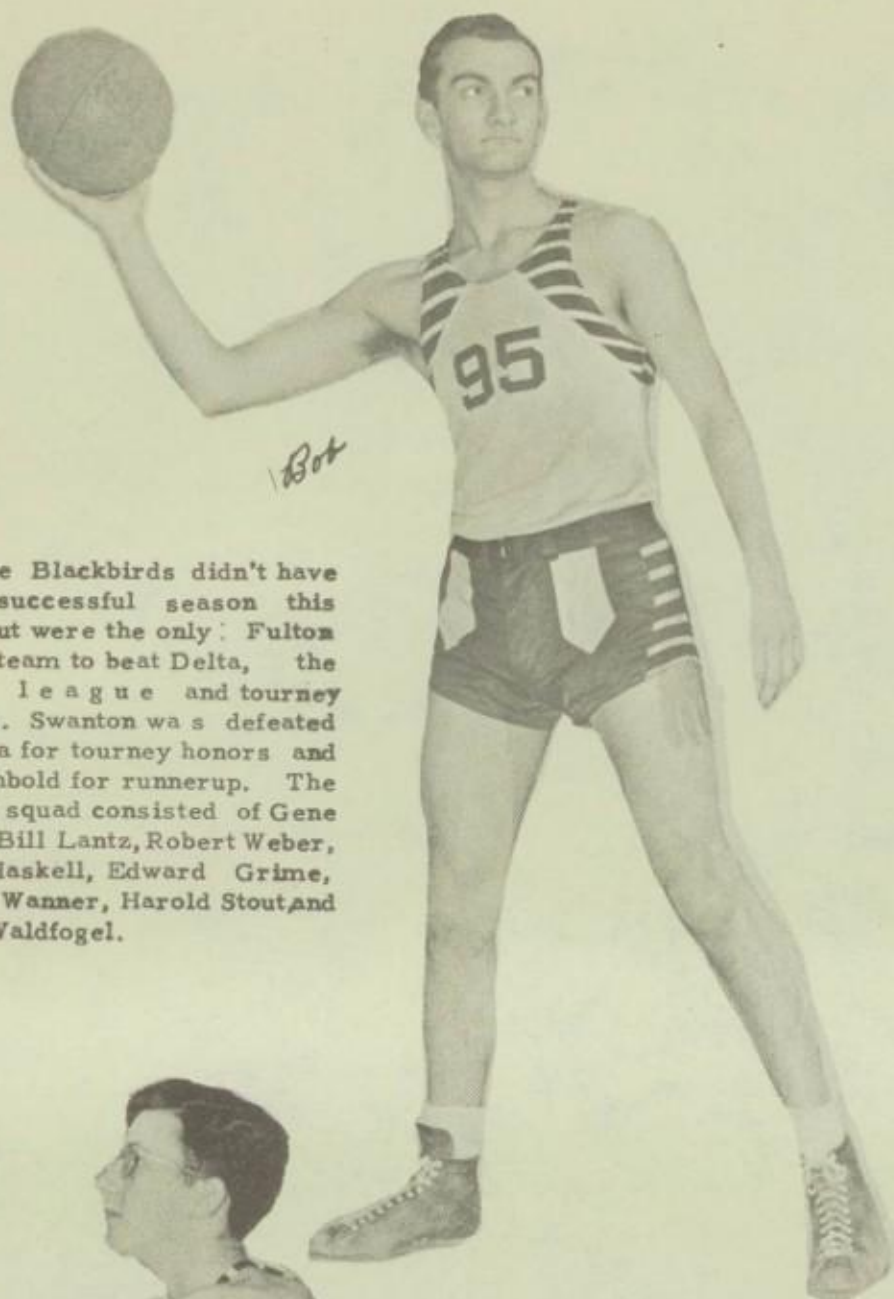
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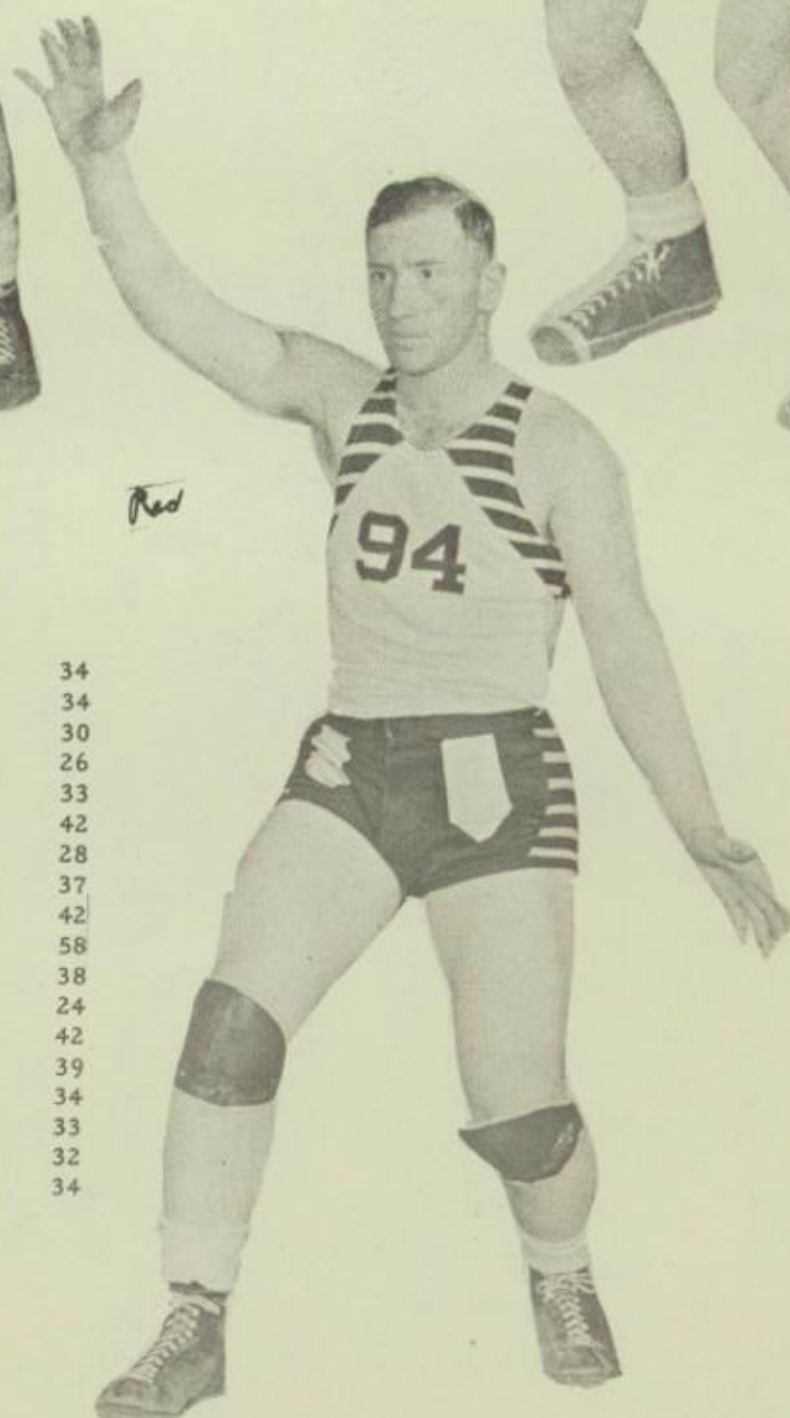
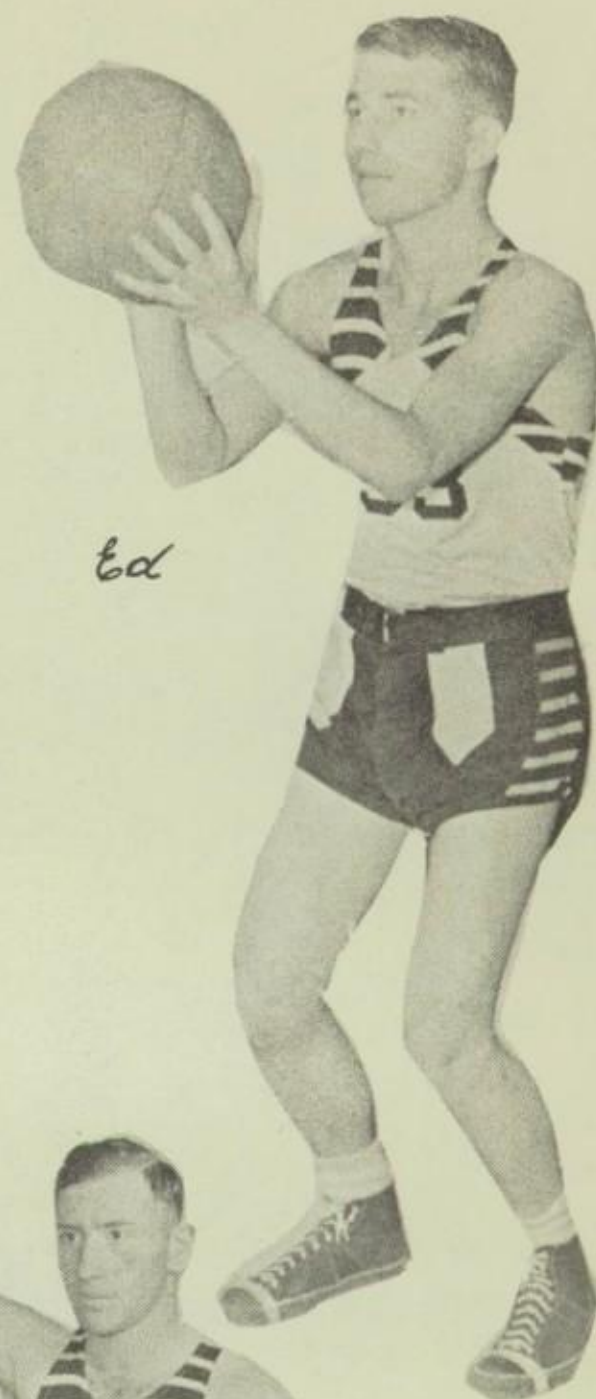
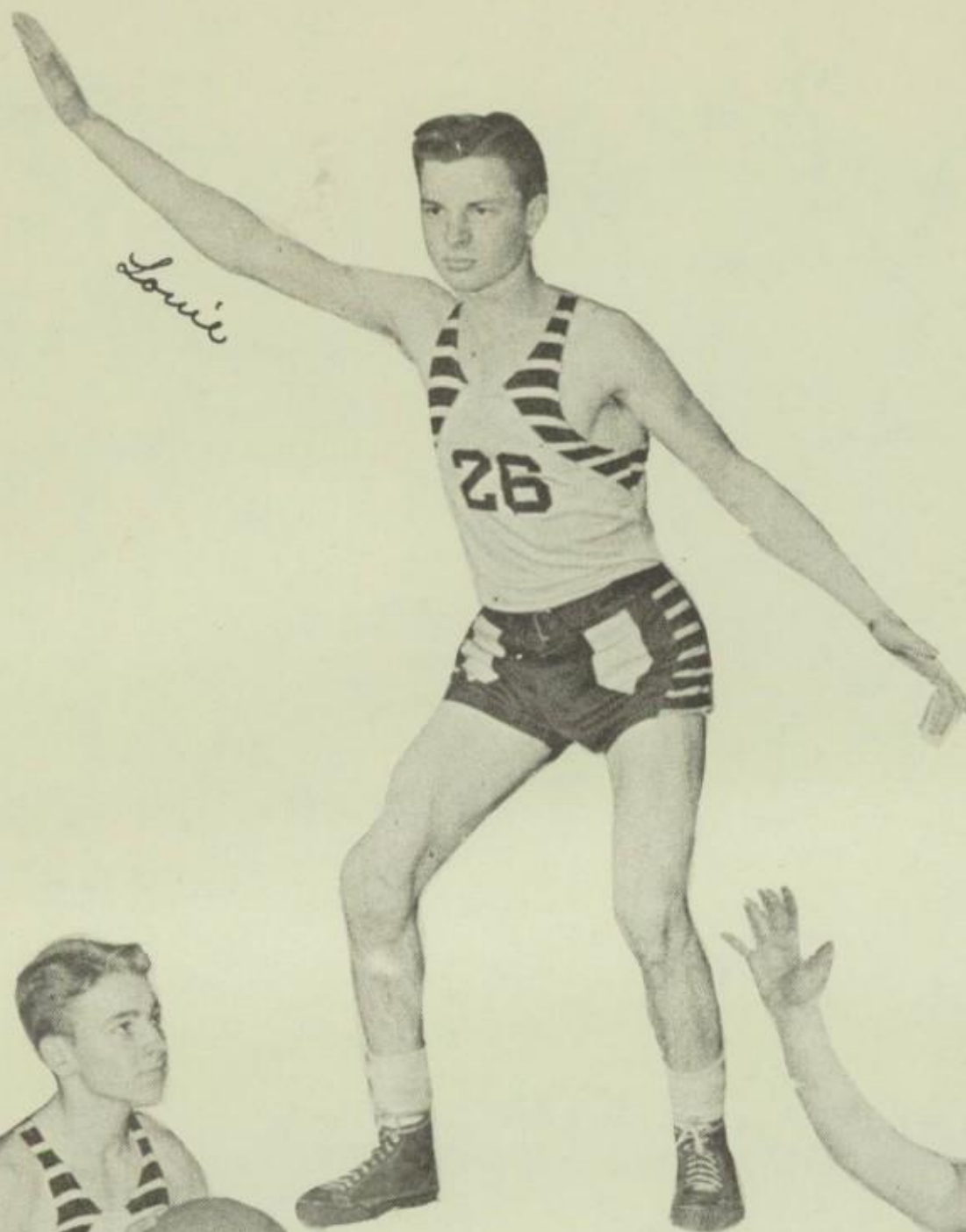
Each day of a game you could always find the Boosters in the workroom working on favors. They supplied each boy with a stick of gum. They did much to keep up the school spirit in the student body and the team. They were always ready and willing to help in serving the boys at feeds. They even sponsored one, after the Swanton game on December 20.

They are: Betty Gilmore, Betty Raker, Luana Leininger, Lucille Leininger. Standing are: Marilyn Haskell, Betty Eicher, Betty Burkholder.



The Blackbirds didn't have a very successful season this year, but were the only Fulton county team to beat Delta, the county league and tourney champs. Swanton was defeated by Delta for tourney honors and by Archbold for runnerup. The varsity squad consisted of Gene Lantz, Bill Lantz, Robert Weber, Louis Haskell, Edward Grime, Donald Wanner, Harold Stout and Galen Waldfogel.





Pettisville 33	Alumni	34
Pettisville 29	Ridgeville	34
Pettisville 22	Fulton	30
Pettisville 30	Stryker	26
Pettisville 40	Chesterfield	33
Pettisville 31	Fayette	42
Pettisville 22	Archbold	28
Pettisville 27	Swanton	37
Pettisville 36	Lyons	42
Pettisville 40	Ridgeville	58
Pettisville 36	Fayette	38
Pettisville 42	Chesterfield	24
Pettisville 39	Archbold	42
Pettisville 25	Metamora	39
Pettisville 44	Fulton	34
Pettisville 30	Whitehouse	33
Pettisville 39	Delta	32
Pettisville 30	Lyons	34



Left to right: Mr. Kinney, Richard Schmitz, James Grieser, Kenneth Nofziger, Robert Eicher, Roger Liechty.



The cheerleaders backed the team with several new yells this year. They were always after the cheering section for more backing for the team. Their loyal and enthusiastic spirit was an excellent example for the Blackbird supporters to follow.

The cheerleaders are: Marilyn Haskell, Betty Burkholder, and Betty Eicher.

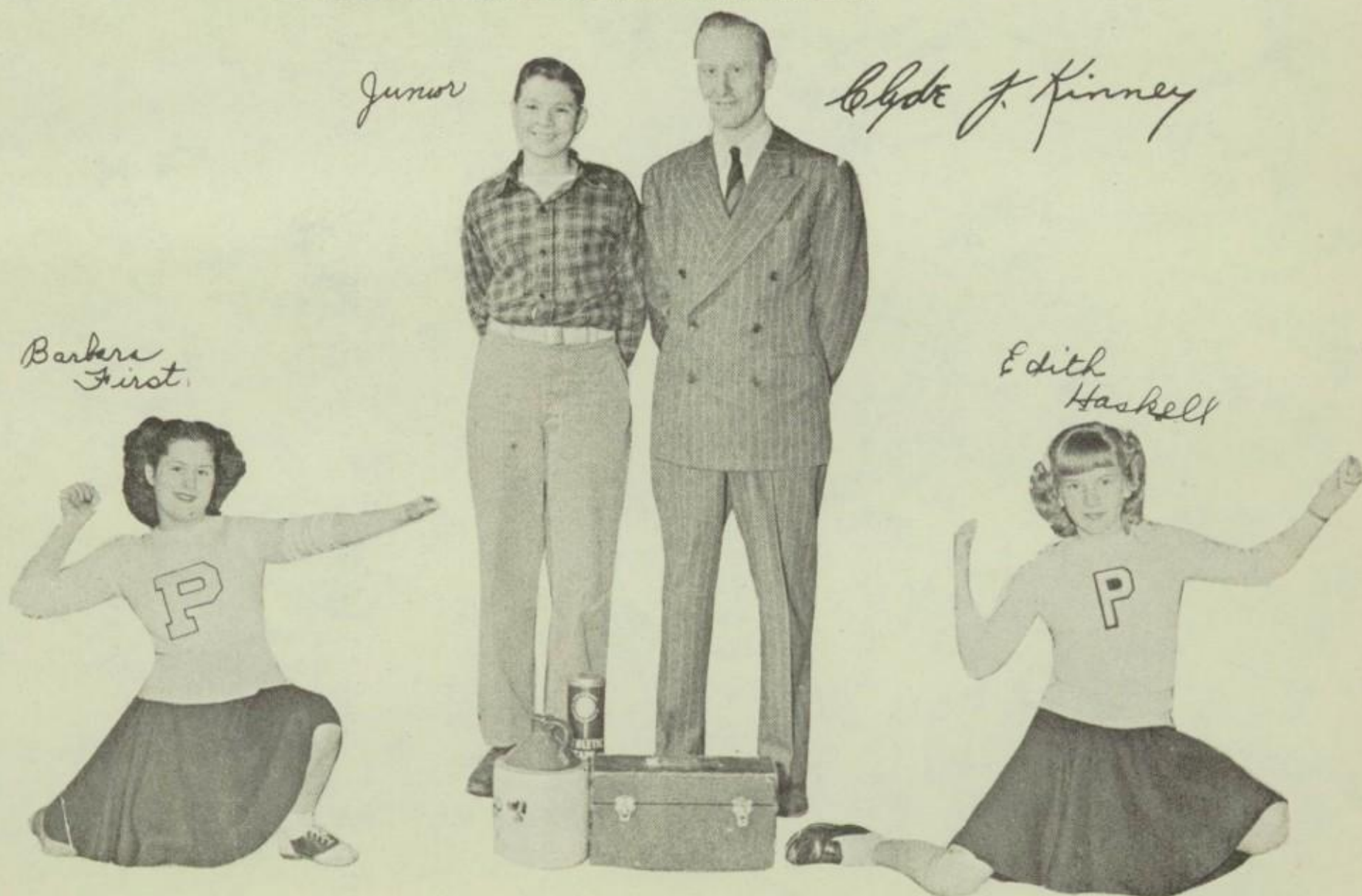


JUNIOR HIGH

Bottom Row: Rolland Beck, Richard Rupp, John Rychener, Ralph Bruner, Donald Burkholder, Gary Nofziger.

Top Row: Mr. Ray--Coach, John Miley, Roger Gilson, Ralph Gasche, Jim Waidlich.

The Junior High team played a very abbreviated schedule this year, not getting organized until near the end of the season. Handicapped by lack of practice time, the team nevertheless showed much improvement.



Junior

Clyde J. Kinney

Barbara First

Edith Haskell

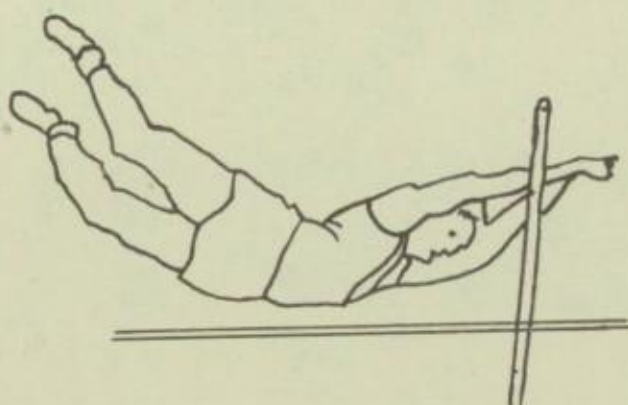
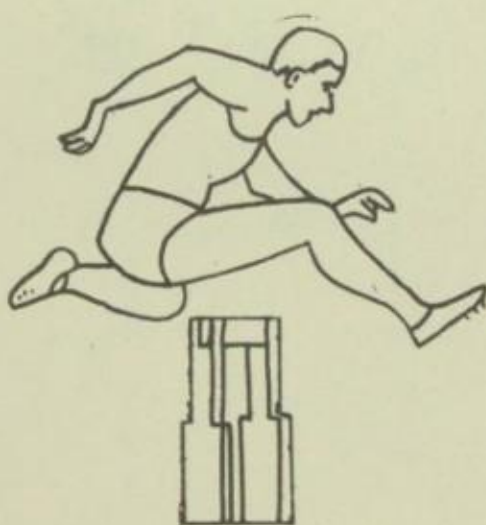


TRACK

Bottom Row: Stanley Zeigler, Harold Stout, Edward Grime, Robert Weber, Gene Lantz, Bill Lantz, Louis Haskell, Jim Grieser.

Top Row: Mr. Kinney--coach, Bob Eicher, Richard Schmitz, Donald Wanner, Lowell Rupp, Kenneth Nofziger, Roger Liechty, Junior Riegsecker.

Our track team this year was inexperienced but made a very creditable showing. The most consistent performances were turned in by Gene Lantz in the high jump, Bob Weber in the discus throw, and Stanley Zeigler in the dashes. However, the remainder of the boys managed to pick up their share of points.





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SENIOR GIRLS



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Bottom Row: Louis Haskell, Helen Roth--Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley Frey--President, Gene Lantz--Vice-President, Betty Burkholder.

Middle Row: Geneva Rupp, Sarah Jane Robinson, Mary Alice Nofziger, Betty Raker, Donna Sauder, Lois Gisel, Glenda Frey.

Top Row: Mr. Gottschalk, John Rychener, Marvin Frey, Lester King.

The Student Council has been a very active organization this past year. Their main objective was to secure enough money for a new scoreboard and to meet the costs of a lecture series.

To raise this money they sponsored an all school Valentine party on February 13, and conducted a magazine selling contest.

Another of their accomplishments was placing signs along the corridor reminding the students to keep quiet and not to loiter in the halls.



PET ECHOES STAFF

Seated at table: Gene Lantz, Miss Wyse, Edith Rychener--co-editor, Marilyn Burkholder--co-editor, Ojetta Stout.

Standing: Betty Raker, Lueen Grieser, Maxine Aeschliman, Nellie Mininger, Betty Gilmore, Harold Stout, Donald Wanner.

Several comparatively new columns were read by the subscriber's of the Pet Echoes this year.

This is the very first year for a gossip column, which was named "You Asked For It." This name was given to it because Lula received a letter asking for a gossip column, so all those wanting it were asked to sign a paper, saying they would not protest to anything printed about them.

"Tuesday's Titters," was a column which began near the end of last year. It contains humorous sayings of pupils in school.

The journalism students managed to get the paper out every time except after Christmas when the vacation was lengthened because of icy weather.



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GLEE CLUB

Bottom Row: Ila Mae Zimmerman, Pauline Beck, Virginia Rupp, Martha Miller, Patty Nofziger, Florence Roth, Clara Ann Frey, Doris Waidelich, Geneva Rupp, Valetta Beck.

Second Row: Anna Spengler, Arleta Miller, Bueta Yoder, Doris Bruner, Doris Short, Lois Merillat, Emogene Beck, Velma Sauder, Deloris Short, Myrtie Wentz, Arvada Schantz, Mary Overmyer, Alice Marie Gautsche, Miss Stockburger.

Third Row: Virginia Nofziger, Lois Beck, Marilyn Haskell, Glenna Stout, Lois Gisel, Donna Sauder, Shirley Frey, Edith Rychener, Betty Raker, Edna Kline, Betty Burkholder, Luana Leininger.

Top Row: Betty Eicher, Betty Gilmore, Maxine Aeschliman, Doris Leininger, Lucille Leininger, Evelyn Merillat, Helen Roth, Amelia Gasche, Ada Miller, Mary Alice Nofziger.

The girls' glee club this year has been the foundation for most of the music in school. Miss Stockburger, our Home Economics teacher, led this group of girls one period during the week as we had no regular music leader.

They sang several songs in the school Thanksgiving program and also led the audience in Thanksgiving Hymns. Music for the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises was furnished by the girls' glee.

A group of girls from our club joined other girls from schools in the county in the all-county girls' glee club. "Ave Maria," "Stardust," "Tis Spring," "The Chestnut Tree," and "The Star," were the selections they sang.



LIBRARIANS

Bottom Row: Helen Roh

Bottom Row: Helen Roth, Martha Miller, Patty Nofziger, Virginia Nofziger
head librarian, Clara Ann Frey, Lois Gisel, Shirley Frey, Russel Liechty.
Top Row: Deloris Short, Robert Weber, Virginia Rupp, Gene Lantz, Doris
Short, William Nofziger, Miss Wyse, Pauline Beck, Louis Haskell, Mary Alice
Nofziger.



BOOKMENDERS

The five girls that mended all the books this year are left to right: Martha Miller, Virginia Nofziger, Lois Gisel, Patty Nofziger, Lois Beck.

Here at Pettisville High School we have a committee that is in charge of getting new books ready for the school library and they also mend the old books which are being torn constantly by the other pupils. The students all appreciate the very fine work they do on binding and mending books.

CALENDAR

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| September | <p>9-School starts, new teachers are Miss Mary Rieckhoff and Mrs. Mildred Rychener</p> <p>17-Class officers are elected</p> <p>20-Agricultural boys attend 4-H calf sale</p> <p>23-Lariat staff chosen</p> <p>25-Home Economics I and II girls visit LaChoy factory</p> <p>27-Freshman Initiation</p> <p>28-Wine-s studio takes senior pictures</p> |
| October | <p>3-Juniors receive pins and rings</p> <p>7-Senior play tryouts</p> <p>9-Bus inspection</p> <p>10-Mr. William Lantz is burned</p> <p>11-Senior proofs arrive</p> <p>14-Seniors choose aqua and silver as class colors, red rose as flower and "Nothing is impossible to a willing mind" as their motto</p> <p>15-Mr. Gottschalk attends rural school administrators meeting</p> <p>18-Cheerleaders are chosen</p> <p>21-Boosters are elected</p> <p>23-Faculty party</p> <p>29-Junior class party</p> <p>30-Seventh grade class party</p> <p>31-Eighth grade class party</p> |
| November | <p>6-Teachers meeting at Lyon's</p> <p>9-New swings are erected</p> <p>12-Alumni game, here</p> <p>14-School skating party</p> <p>16-English classes see "Hamlet"</p> <p>18-Journalism feed</p> <p>19-Ridgeville game, here</p> <p>22-Seniors five play "Johnny, Get your Girl"</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Religious education classes start</p> <p>27-Fulton game, here</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Thanksgiving program is given</p> <p>28-29-Thanksgiving vacation</p> |
| December | <p>3-Stryker game, here</p> <p>6-Fayette game, here</p> <p>11-Bangle pin day</p> <p>13-Chesterfield game, here</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Senior pictures arrive</p> <p>17-Archbold game, here</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Basketball team feed</p> <p>18-Junior play tryouts</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Junior class party</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Eighth grade class party</p> <p>20-Christmas program is given</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">-Christmas vacation starts</p> |
| January | <p>5-10-Forced vacation</p> <p>13-School starts</p> <p>17-Ridgeville game, here</p> |

Calendar (Continued)

January	18-Fayette game, there
	21-Chesterfield game, here
	23-Semester examinations
	24-Archbold game, there
	-semester examinations
	25-Metamora game, here
	28-Fulton game, there
	29-Wine's studio takes group pictures
February	31-Delta game, here
	4-Whitehouse game, there
	7-Lyons game, there
	-Sophomores give assembly program
	11-12-14-15-18-19-21-22-Basketball tournament at Delta
March	21-Seventh grade gives assembly program
	7-8-Seniors take state exams
	14-Juniors give assembly program
	-Juniors give play "Now Your Talking"
	28-Faculty gives assembly program
April	1-James Nettle, lecturer
	4-Good Friday program
	11-Preliminary, district, and state scholarship tests
	18-Eighth grade assembly program
	-Allen Dule lecture course, demonstrates radio and sound effects
May	25-Eighth grade tests
	9-Freshman assembly program
	-County track meet
	10-Junior-Senior banquet
	16-17-District track meet at Bowling Green
	23-Class night
	23-24-State track meet at Columbus
	25-Baccalaureate
	27-Commencement, Fred Clag speaker
	27-28-Final examinations
June	2-School ends
	-Class parties



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